

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 28

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 67, Huff. Food Allergy Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 13 through May 19, 2012, as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, As many as 15 million Americans have food allergies, nearly six million of whom are children under 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, The eight foods that cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, egg, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy reactions result in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits each year involving children under 18 years of age. A food allergy reaction typically occurs when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which he or she is allergic; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, and scientists do not understand why food allergies occur. Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about food allergy and anaphylaxis; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the week of May 13 through May 19, 2012, as Food Allergy Awareness Week, and wishes to promote statewide awareness of food allergies; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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